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The AATA's Statement on the Traumatic Impact of Separating Children from Parents and Caregivers



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The AATA wishes to respond to the deleterious and traumatic effects that separating children from their parents and caregivers can have on their well-being. Of great concern is the appalling separation of children from their parents as a result of the Trump Administration's enforcement of the "zero tolerance" policy for families crossing the US-Mexican Border (June, 2018). Even as the separation practice is halted, steps need to be taken to re-unify the children with their families, ameliorate the trauma that has already been inflicted, and prevent future trauma. [READ MORE](#)



June is Pride Month: Here's what art therapists need to know



Daniel Blausey, ATR-BC, LCAT



For art therapists, Pride Month is not only a time to celebrate, commemorate, and march proudly in solidarity, it is also a time to reflect on the shifting political and cultural fronts impacting our clients within the LGBTQIA community on a day-to-day basis. It is important to recognize the varying social locations — cultural backgrounds such as religion, language, cuisine, social habits, arts, and specific family history of race, gender, socio-economic status, and education — that intersect for each of our clients, potentially manifesting as depression, suicidality, anger, low self-worth or any combination of emotions. [READ MORE](#)

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Don't Miss these Opportunities to Support Your Art Therapy Research



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Furthering research in art therapy is crucial to the continued growth and a priority of the Association's [Strategic Plan](#). The AATA works to support our researchers and future researchers by offering a variety of funding opportunities to reward excellence and promote further access to important research in the field. Whether your research project is still an idea unexplored or you are ready to be recognized for your contributions to the field, there is a research award or grant opportunity for you! The Research Committee is accepting **applications for research awards and the new Research Seed Grants**

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New Scholarship Opportunity — Irene Rosner David Medical Art Therapy



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The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donor will provide a new scholarship opportunity this year for AATA's student members. Application are being accepted now through July 1 for the Irene Rosner David Medical Art Therapy Scholarship. This scholarship focuses on the role of the medical art therapist. Please see [MyAATA](#) for more information and the full [application](#). Questions can be directed to the National Office:

info@arttherapy.org. [READ MORE](#)

Renovations at the National Office



AATA National Office

Dear Members and Public: The National Office will be undergoing renovations to its physical location from the end of June through July. The Staff expects business to proceed as normal during this time, though we will notify you of any changes to our status. We thank you for your patience during this transition. [READ MORE](#)

Featured Member



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Bani Malhotra is completing her Master's in Art Therapy from The George Washington University (GWU) this summer and holds an M.A. in Psychology from University of Delhi, India. She was recently awarded the GWU Art Therapy Kwiatkowska Award for research and clinical practice for her capstone project using puppetry in art therapy. She is currently interning at the AATA National Office and is working on projects related to online community engagement and research.

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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Study Links Content of Service Members' Art to Their Trauma Levels



Drexel Now

When making visual art during their recovery from traumatic brain injuries, military service members who depicted psychological injuries like depression or anxiety in their artwork tended to have more acute post-traumatic stress disorder than those who used symbols of their military units, a new study found. A research team led by Girija Kaimal, Ed.D., of Drexel University, and Melissa Walker, of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's National Intrepid Center of Excellence, analyzed the different themes present in masks made by active service members as part of their medical protocol for recovering from TBI. [READ MORE](#)

Helping Patients With Dementia and Caregivers Live Well



Practical Neurology

There is a recent surge of new diagnostic modalities and therapeutic options for many neurologic conditions. As a result and combined with the time constraints and regulatory requirements that neurologists (and all health care professionals) face, this can create situations in which detailed disease management, rather than the healing potential within the provider-patient relationship, directs clinical encounters. For conditions without effective treatment or cure, placing clinical interactions firmly within such a therapeutic relationship may be especially important. [READ MORE](#)

Initiative Aims to Inspire Artistic Expression



Advantage

Everyone is an artist and all are welcomed with radical hospitality in Art Hives. Now, the community art studios are popping up in the St. Louis metropolitan area thanks to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and community partners. "With SIUE/STL Art Hives, we are empowering people to come up with their own way of expressing themselves by providing materials and tying art therapy into a community model," SIUE art therapy counseling graduate student Theresa Hitchcock said. [READ MORE](#)

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